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DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

<p>In The Matter Of:</p> <p>City of Monticello PO Box 457 Monticello, UT 84535</p> <p>RESPONDENT</p>	<p>MEASURING DEVICE NOTICE</p> <p>SEAA No. 1303</p> <p>WATER RIGHTS: 09-1278 & 09-2009</p>
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TO: The City of Monticello:

I. AUTHORITY

The Division of Water Rights ("Division") issues this Notice under UTAH CODE ANN. § 73-5-4 (2008), and in accordance with UTAH ADMIN. CODE R. 655-15 (2008).

U.C.A. § 73-5-4 states in part :

(1) *To assist the state engineer or water commissioner in the regulation, distribution, and measurement of water, a person using water in this state, except as provided by Subsection (4), shall construct or install and maintain controlling works and a measuring device at:*

- (a) *each location where water is diverted from a source; and*
- (b) *any other location required by the state engineer.*

(2) *A person using water in this state shall make the controlling works and measuring device accessible to the state engineer or water commissioner.*

(3) *The state engineer shall approve the design of:*

- (a) *the measuring device...*

(5) *An owner or manager of a reservoir shall construct and maintain a measuring device as directed by the state engineer to measure the inflow, storage content, and outflow from the reservoir.*

- (a) *The state engineer shall approve the design and location of the measuring device.*
- (b) *The owner or manager of a reservoir shall make the measuring device accessible to the state engineer or water commissioner.*



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(6) If a water user refuses or neglects to construct or install the controlling works or measuring device after 30 days' notice to do so by the state engineer, the state engineer may:

- (a) forbid the use of water until the user complies with the state engineer's requirement; and*
- (b) commence enforcement proceedings authorized by Section 73-2-25.*

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Respondent diverts water from the North Fork of Montezuma Creek and tributary drainages under the above-listed water rights.
2. The Division recognizes the need for increased regulation on the North Fork of Montezuma Creek and is working to clarify the ownership and relative priority of water rights in the area. ~~Prior to the beginning of the 2009 irrigation season, the Division will issue an Interim Distribution Order.~~ In addition to clarifying water rights and relative priority among the parties using water from the North Fork of Montezuma Creek, the Interim Distribution Order will require monitoring and reporting of diverted flows.
3. Accurate and equitable distribution of the water from the North Fork of Montezuma Creek requires that the respondent's diversions be equipped with functional and accurate measuring devices.

III. ACTIONS REQUIRED

Install Accurate Measurement Devices to measure:

- (a) Flows diverted from the North Fork of Montezuma Creek and tributary springs
- (b) Water diverted from springs located in Pole Creek canyon
- (c) Water diverted from springs located in Bankhead canyon

The Division understands that in-line meters have been installed in several locations and that they have frequently been out of service. It is the opinion of the Division that in-line meters are not appropriate meters for any of the above-listed diversion due to the excessive amounts of dirt and debris which enter the collection systems. **The City of Monticello shall provide and install accurate external measurement devices appropriate for the large amount of dirt and debris present at each of the above-listed diversions. Devices shall be installed and maintained such that they remain operable year-round no later than May 1, 2009.**

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Provide an Accurate Measurement Device for Flow in the North Fork of Montezuma Creek

The USGS operated an in-stream measurement device on the North Fork of Montezuma Creek. The stream gauge was located at a point 1187 ft South and 127 ft East from the W4 corner of Section 30, T33S, R23E SLB&M. County funding for this gauge has been cut and data collection has been discontinued. **The City of Monticello, along with the Blue Mt. Canal Co. and the Carlisle Water Co. shall provide and install a device to measure in-stream flows in the North Fork of Montezuma Creek no later than May 1, 2009.** Methods to obtain the required in-stream flows include but are not limited to:

- Fund data collection at the existing USGS gauging station.
- Install a new measuring device.
- The flow of North Fork could be determined by summing the measurements of the flows diverted to the Blue Mt. Irrigation Co, to the Carlisle Water Co, and the flow returned to the creek. This would require that the diversion on North Fork be dry-dammed so the entire flow of the creek is diverted. Also the concrete section at the return culvert would need to be fitted with a staff gauge and rated so it could be used as a measuring device.

Prior to commencing the required work the Respondents shall consult with the Division to assure that the planned measuring device will satisfy the requirements of this Order.

Automated Monitoring Equipment Option

Prior to the start of the 2009 irrigation season, the Division will issue an Interim Distribution Order. The Interim Distribution Order will clarify water rights and relative priority among parties using water from the North Fork of Montezuma Creek. The Interim Distribution Order will require monitoring and reporting of flows diverted from each of the above-listed locations three times weekly. For some locations monitoring and reporting may be required year round. In lieu of reading the measuring devices and reporting the flows three times weekly, automated monitoring instrumentation may be installed in conjunction with the required measurement devices. Once operational, the automated monitoring equipment would satisfy the monitoring and reporting requirement. Should this alternative be of interest, prior to purchasing and installing such instrumentation the Respondent shall consult with the Division to assure that the planned equipment will satisfy the requirements of this Order.

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IV. ADDITIONAL AGENCY ACTION

The Respondent is encouraged to diligently attend to the work required by this Order. If the required measurement devices are not satisfactorily installed and rendered operational by May 1, 2009, the Division may issue an Order forbidding the use of water until the Respondent has complied. If an Order forbidding the use of water is issued and is violated by the Respondent, the Division may commence an enforcement action in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 73-2-25 (2008). If determined to be in violation an Order, the Respondent may be subject to administrative penalties in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 73-2-26 (2005), including fines not to exceed \$5,000 per day for knowing violations or \$1,000 per day for unknowing violations. In addition, the Respondent may be liable for expenses incurred by the Division in investigating and stopping the violation.

The orderly distribution of water from the North Fork of Montezuma Creek in accordance with existing water rights is a concern to Division as well as to the City of Monticello. To that end we appreciate and thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions concerning this Order please contact Marc Stilson, Southeast Regional Engineer at (435) 613-3750 or Sue Odekirk, Distribution Engineer at (801) 538-7431.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2009



Sue Odekirk, P.E.
Distribution Engineer

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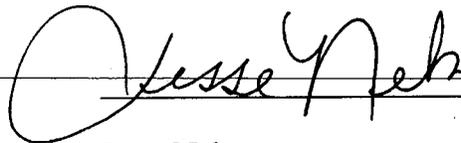
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, the undersigned, certify that on this 11th day of March, 2009, I mailed a copy of the foregoing Notice by regular U.S. Mail, delivery confirmation receipt requested, to the following:

**City of Monticello
PO Box 457
Monticello, UT 84535**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse Nelson", is written over a horizontal line.

Jesse Nelson
Division of Water Rights
Field Services Secretary

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cc: Marc Stilson
Blue Mt. Irrigation Co.
Carlisle Water Co.
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